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The Royal Academy of Music, which is one of the oldest institutions of advanced musical training in Europe, celebrated its 150th Anniversary in 1972. It was founded in 1822 through the exertions of John Fane (Lord Burghersh), Eleventh Earl of Westmorland, and began its public work in 1823 under direct patronage of His Majesty King George IV, who granted it a royal charter in 1830. The Royal Academy has enjoyed the Patronage of the reigning Sovereign ever since.

The present main building in Marylebone Road was erected in 1910-11. It contains a large hall (the Duke's Hall), a smaller hall and a new opera theatre, besides many classrooms, seminar rooms and studios for private tuition. Important expansion of these facilities is in progress.

The Royal Academy also has premises in York Terrace (immediately behind and connected to the main building), a large area of which is occupied by the Library, opened by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in 1968. The Library possesses important manuscripts and early printed music; for general use there are very extensive reference and lending collections available to professors and students. In 1938 Sir Henry Wood (Conductor of the Students' Orchestra 1923-44) presented to the Academy his library of 3,000 orchestral scores and 2,000 complete sets of orchestral parts. These are now housed in a new Orchestral Library, together with the Academy's general collection of orchestral material.

Recent gifts to the Library have included the Otto Klemperer collection of scores and personalia. Other bequests and gifts have continually increased the range and scope of the Library.

The Manson Room contains a large range of electronic equipment and other facilities for composers. The Arnold Bax Room houses the collection of modern pictures left to the Academy by the late Harriet Cohen. In addition, the Academy has received from generous donors many valuable instruments which are allotted, under certain conditions, for the use of talented students and distinguished former students.

COURSES OF STUDY

There are two main courses: the Performers' Course (including Composition), which leads to the Professional Certificate; and the Graduate of the Royal Schools of Music Course, which leads to the diploma G.R.S.M. (carrying honours degree status). Both courses are basically of three years' duration, but those taking the Performers' Course must be prepared to remain for advanced training for at least a further year. Students will normally be expected to have taken the L.R.A.M. Diploma before the end of the third year. Courses are full-time; there are no facilities for part-time study. Annual Examinations are held during the Summer Term. All academic arrangements are subject to the approval of the Principal.

PERFORMERS' COURSE

The course includes weekly lessons and classes as follows:

A principal study (one hour).

A second study (half an hour).

Music Techniques (Harmony, etc.) (half an hour individual tuition or an equivalent time in class).

Aural training and sight-singing (one hour or more).

History of music and musical style.

Foreign languages (for those taking singing or conducting as a principal study).

In addition, classes, seminars or lectures (some of which are compulsory) are available to students at various stages of the course, dealing with Repertoire, Interpretative Analysis and Musical Criticism. Students may also apply to take part in Master-Classes given by distinguished international artists from time to time.

The following subjects may be taken as principal or second study:

Composition	Flute
Pianoforte	Oboe
Pianoforte accompaniment (<i>not before second year</i>)	Clarinet
Organ	Bassoon
Harpsichord	Horn
Singing	Trumpet
Violin	Trombone
Viola	Tuba
Violoncello	Timpani and Percussion
Double Bass	Harp
Conducting	Guitar
(<i>additional principal study only</i>)	

The following subjects may be taken only as second study: History of Music, Recorder, Viola da gamba, Lute, Saxophone.

Orchestral playing, choral singing, chamber music, orchestration, opera, choir training and piano accompaniment are required parts of the course according to the student's speciality.

The Professional Certificate is awarded to students who reach a satisfactory standard at the end of a three-year course.

G.R.S.M. COURSE

(*A detailed Syllabus is available on request*)

This three-year course, covering performance, music techniques (harmony, etc.), keyboard harmony, history and analysis, leads to the Diploma 'Graduate of the Royal Schools of Music, London' which is awarded to successful candidates after an examination held jointly with the Royal College of Music. The Diploma is recognised by the Burnham Committee as entitling the holder to receive an addition to salary on honours graduate basis. In order to achieve the status of Qualified Teacher, students must take a further year of training which is available at various University Departments of Education and at certain Colleges of Education, entitling successful students to a Music Teacher's Certificate.

Training for the G.R.S.M. Course can only begin in the Autumn Term each year, and students must be eighteen years old by the 31st December in the year in which they begin the

course. Candidates must have obtained a minimum of five passes in the G.C.E., two of which must be at 'A' level, or an equivalent that is acceptable to the Department of Education and Science. (A Grade 1 pass in the C.S.E. is rated as the equivalent of a G.C.E. 'O' level pass.) Candidates must have a good keyboard facility, and are required to take a keyboard instrument as their principal or second study (minimum level Grade VI). Examinations have to be passed at the end of each year's training, and students who fail to qualify in these may be required to repeat a year of the course or withdraw from it altogether.

ADVANCED COURSE

Principal study (1½ hours); also required are orchestral playing, chamber music, opera and vocal ensemble training, according to the student's speciality.

UNIVERSITY DEGREES

The B.Mus. Course of London University is available to R.A.M. students. This course contains options for specialists in performance. Applicants are required to attend the normal entrance examination at the Academy and to satisfy the minimum entrance requirements of the University, *i.e.* two 'A' levels (one of which should be Music at a high mark) and five 'O' levels. The syllabus for B.Mus. can be obtained from the Senate House, London University, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU.

ORCHESTRAS

There are four orchestras. Principal-study players are usually required to

join one of these. Admission to the Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra is by audition. The Symphony and Repertoire Orchestras normally have two three-hour rehearsals weekly, the Chamber Orchestra and Training Orchestra normally one rehearsal a week. All orchestras give concerts at least once a term. Orchestral classes for woodwind and brass players are also available.

CHOIRS

All first-year students, other than those allocated to orchestras, are required to attend the main Choir, which meets for a two-hour rehearsal once a week. Principal-study singers will be required to attend choir and sight-singing classes as directed; they may also be required to sing in the Opera chorus. Other smaller choirs are organised for special events, as required.

CHAMBER MUSIC

Students have the opportunity of forming ensembles of every kind and a large number of string quartets and chamber music groups with and without piano receive regular training at various levels. Ensembles appear frequently at concerts and can compete for prizes and other awards.

OPERA CLASS

The opera class is for the training of singing students who are considered to possess the necessary qualifications. Operas are rehearsed, in preparation for performance, on lines similar to those prevailing in professional opera companies. In addition to the opportunity to perform opera and

increase their repertoire, students are given tuition in the interpretation of operatic music and classes in movement. The more advanced students are also given opportunities to acquire experience in stage-management. Conducting students are offered facilities for répétiteur work and rehearsal conducting.

CONDUCTORS' CLASSES

Conducting can be taken only as an additional principal study. Entry to the First-year and the Advanced Classes is by competitive examination held in the first half of the Summer Term. The class is normally restricted to four students in each year, and preference is given to students already in the Academy. Tuition includes: baton technique, repertoire, score-reading and conducting experience with the Repertoire and Training Orchestras.

CONCERTS

Participation in concerts, particularly by those taking the Performers' Course, is regarded as an integral part of professional training, and substantial opportunities for concert experience are provided whether in one of the halls in the Academy or in various locations outside.

REVIEW WEEKS

At the end of the Autumn and Spring terms there are 'Review Weeks' devoted to intensive concert-giving, special extra-curriculum musical activities and lectures on subjects of general artistic, social and scientific interest.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

There are numerous scholarships, exhibitions and prizes available to students. Details of a limited number of entrance scholarships offered for competition are obtainable in January by application to the Examinations Manager. The closing date for applications in 1978 is Wednesday 8th February. Competitions are held in the Spring Term.

TUTORS

Every student is allocated to a tutor, from whom advice can be sought on general academic and personal questions.

TUITION ARRANGEMENTS

The allocation of students to Professors is at the discretion of the Principal. Any change in a student's curriculum, whether of subject or professor, must be approved by the Principal or Director of Studies in writing; *students are not permitted to negotiate directly with Professors with reference to such changes.*

ADMISSION

Entrance examinations for entry in the Autumn Term 1978 will be held at the Academy on 3rd-7th April 1978. Application for admission, on the official entry form together with the entrance fee of £7.50, must reach the Registrar not later than 1st January. Late applications will be considered if received not later than 1st February and accompanied by a late fee of £3 in addition to the entrance fee. If the applicant is not considered eligible for the entrance examination

the entrance fee only will be refunded. Half the entrance fee will be refunded if the application is withdrawn in writing and notification of this is received by 31st December.

All candidates are required to attend an entrance examination at the Academy; they will be expected to perform to a high standard two contrasting pieces of their own choice in their principal study, and one piece of their own choice in their second study; they will also be given sight-reading, ear tests and questions on general musicianship; and they should bring with them substantial examples of harmony workings. G.R.S.M. candidates will also be given keyboard harmony tests and should bring samples of written work (such as essays) with them. Candidates offering composition as their principal study must send to the Registrar examples of their work at least four weeks before the date of the entrance examination. An accompanist will be available if necessary, but candidates are strongly advised to bring their own if possible. Overseas applicants should offer tape-recordings of their performances. If these are satisfactory they will be invited to attend Entrance Examinations on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th September 1978. Candidates who are offered such an examination are asked to contact the Academy on their arrival in London. It must be understood that the offer of an entrance examination in no way guarantees admission to the Academy. Students wishing to take the G.R.S.M. Course must have obtained the requisite number of passes in the G.C.E., as outlined on pages 10-11.

POST-GRADUATE ENTRY

Suitably qualified post-graduate students may be admitted to the Performers' Course, or to the Advanced Course (for one or more years); application should be made as above. Applicants for the Advanced Course will be expected to offer an appropriately high standard of performance.

Refresher Courses are available to former Academy students; further details and fees on application to the Director of Studies.

COURSES FOR JUNIORS

There are two types of courses for Juniors:

- (a) The Junior School, provides tuition on half a day a week for a limited number of students of exceptional promise below the age of fifteen. Students between the ages of fifteen and eighteen are classed as Intermediate Students, and are offered additional instruction. Applications for admission should be submitted, together with an Entrance Fee of £1, to the Warden, from whom further particulars may be obtained.
- (b) The Junior Exhibitioners' Course. Exhibitions are awarded by Local Education Committees to children still attending school who are accepted (by annual audition) for the Saturday morning course, which offers comprehensive musical instruction with classes, choirs, orchestras and chamber music groups, as well as individual instrumental teaching. The average age of entrants is eleven, but there are no rigid limits. Places are also available for private fee-paying

candidates: application, together with an Entrance Fee of £1, should be made to the Director, Junior Exhibitioners' Course.

DATES OF TERMS

For the Academic Year 1977-8 these will be:

Autumn Term: 19th September (*new students 17th September*)-9th December

Spring Term: 3rd January (Tuesday)-23rd March (Thursday)

Summer Term: 24th April-14th July

FEES

The tuition fees are £600 a year (£200 a term) (Overseas students £651 a year; £217 a term). Advanced Students in their fourth year and post-graduate students may be eligible to take a reduced curriculum, the fees for which are £366 a year (£122 a term) (Overseas students £393 a year; £131 a term).

London University B.Mus.

Students wishing to prepare for this degree pay an additional £14 per term.

Junior School

Junior students (under fifteen):

£66 per term.

Intermediate students (over fifteen):

£92 per term.

Junior Exhibitioners' Course

£85 per term.

All fees are payable in advance before the beginning of each term, and a term's notice of withdrawal by a student must be received in writing by the Administrator, otherwise a term's fees are payable in lieu of notice. (See also Regulation II below).

Fees may be increased at the discretion of the Governing Body.

Optional Extras

Any of the subjects taught in the Academy may be taken as an extra study, subject to the permission of the Principal or the Director of Studies, at a fee of £41 per term for weekly lessons of half an hour each (£28 per term for students on the Junior Exhibitioners' Course and in the Junior and Intermediate Courses).

Compulsory Extras

Library deposit: £5 (refundable in accordance with rules in Library Handbook).

Students' Union subscription: £18.50 per annum.

ACCOMMODATION

The Academy building is non-residential, but some sixty places are available at Ethel Kennedy-Jacobs House, Champion Hill, S.E.5, which is for R.A.M. students only. There are also twenty-two places at Henry Wood House in Halmere Road, S.E.5. Both these halls are for men and women students. The Lady Superintendent will give general advice about accommodation in London, and all enquiries should be addressed to her at the Academy.

PRACTISING FACILITIES

During the daytime it is only occasionally possible for students to practise at the Academy, and never before 9 a.m., but there are practising facilities at the Wigmore Hall Studios. Rooms at the Academy are available between 6 and 8.45 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday during term.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to take full advantage of the facilities offered to them at the Academy and to be prepared to attend on any weekday, as necessary. (There is a Students' Canteen where meals can be obtained at low prices.)

Absence, for whatever cause, must be reported: there is a 24-hour Ansafone service (01-935 8135). Forseeable and unavoidable absence from lessons or classes should be notified in advance to the professor concerned. In cases of illness of other than a minor character a medical certificate should be sent to the Superintendent.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

I. Students shall be admitted at the beginning of each Autumn Term. Only in exceptional cases can students be admitted at a later stage in the Academic Year.

II. Students are required, on accepting a place at the Academy, to sign an Undertaking to keep all the rules of the Academy, to obey those in authority over them, to carry out the course of study appointed by the authorities of the Academy, to attend for that purpose during at least three consecutive terms and give appropriate notice thereafter, and to pay the appropriate fees.

III. No student is permitted to study, outside the Academy, any subject which he or she may be studying in the Academy.

IV. Students are expected to attend all lessons and classes regularly and punctually on any day that may be

arranged. Those failing to record satisfactory attendance may not be eligible to enter for the Annual Examinations or for the award of the Professional Certificate.

V. Students must attend all rehearsals and performances as required, unless they have special permission to be absent.

VI. Permission must be sought from the Principal or Warden for the acceptance of outside solo engagements; also for any professional work that might conflict with Academy commitments.

VII. Any infringement of the Regulations, or any discreditable conduct, shall render the student liable to suspension or dismissal from the Academy.

DISTINCTIONS AND DIPLOMAS

The distinctions and diplomas granted by the Royal Academy of Music are as follows:

(a) Fellow (F.R.A.M.).

Fellows are past students who have distinguished themselves in any of the subjects which form part of the course of study at the Academy, or who have rendered distinguished service to it. This distinction is limited to two hundred and fifty.

(b) Honorary Fellow (Hon. F.R.A.M.). Honorary Fellows are friends of the Royal Academy of Music who have rendered signal service to the institution and who are not professional musicians. This distinction is limited to fifty.

(c) Honorary Member (Hon. R.A.M.). Honorary Members are distinguished musicians of any country appointed by the Governing Body in virtue of the power expressly conferred upon them by the Charter.

(d) Associate (A.R.A.M.).

Associateship is conferred on past students of the Academy who have distinguished themselves and who have achieved distinction in the profession.

(e) Honorary Associate (Hon. A.R.A.M.).

Honorary Associates are friends (musicians or non-musicians) of the Royal Academy of Music who have rendered signal service to the institution and who have not been students at the Academy.

(f) Licentiate (L.R.A.M.).

This diploma is granted, after examination, to external as well as internal students, in teaching or performing (see special syllabus for details).

(g) G.R.S.M. (London).

The diploma of Graduate of the Royal Schools of Music is granted after

examination jointly with the Royal College of Music.

R.A.M. CLUB

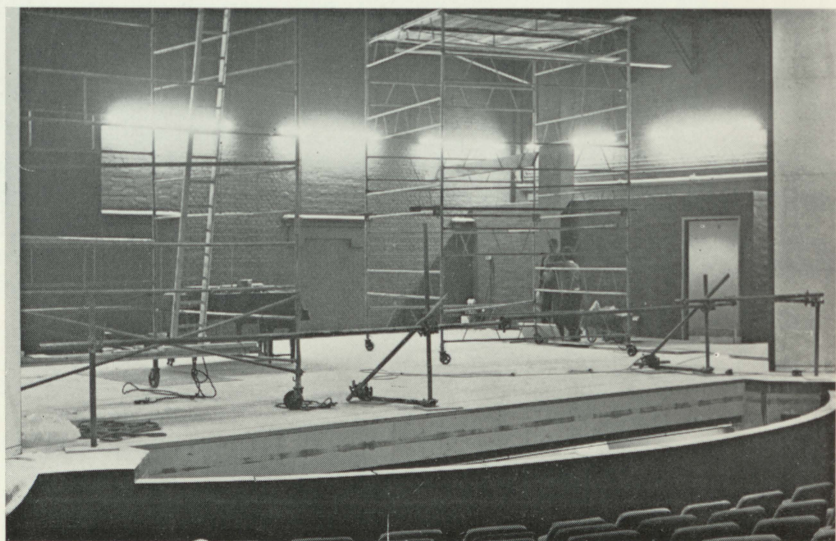
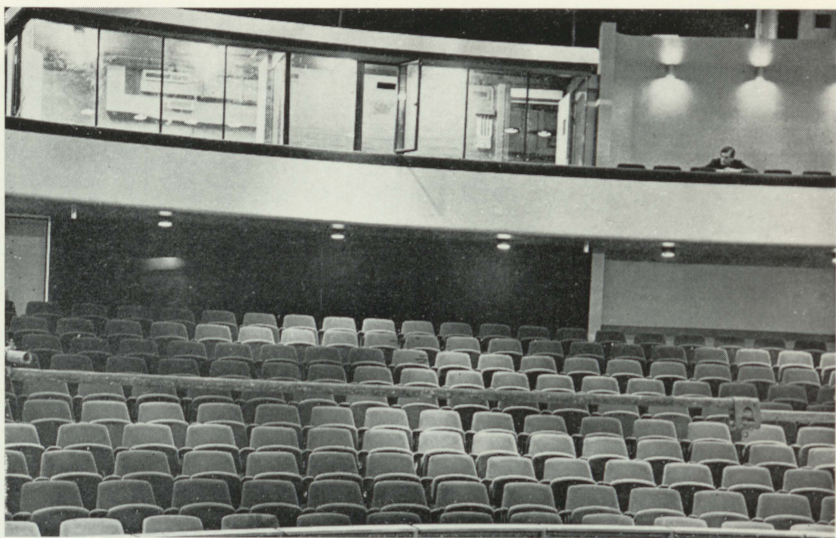
The R.A.M. Club was founded in 1889, with the object of promoting social activities among those who are, or have been, connected with the Royal Academy of Music. Meetings – social and musical – are held periodically, and the *R.A.M. Magazine* published three times a year, in March, July and December, is sent to all members. Further particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Club, at the Academy.

R.A.M. STUDENTS' UNION

The Union, founded in 1967, is designed to promote co-operation among its members for social, cultural and athletic activities, and to provide a channel of communication between the students and the R.A.M. authorities. The annual membership fee of £18.50 also entitles members to receive the *R.A.M. Magazine*.



The Coull Quartet (Roger Coull, Philip Gallaway, David Curtis and Martin Thomas) rehearsing in the Purcell Room. Photograph by Paul Coull.



The auditorium and the stage of the new Sir Jack Lyons Theatre nearing completion in May 1977. Photographs by Douglas Hawkrige.



